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SUBJ: TRANSFER OF RWANDAN AMBASSADOR NKUNDABAGENZI

REF: A) KIGALI 0747 DEC 19 B) USUN 5714 DEC 19 1973 AND PREVIOUS

1. AT A RECEPTION JANUARY 4, FOREIGN MINISTER NSEKALIJE TOLD ME HE DID NOT RPT NOT UNDERSTAND AMBASSADOR NKUNDABAGENZI'S RECENT BEHAVIOR. FONMIN CONTINUED THAT, AS USG AWARE, AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REQUESTED FOR NEW

RWANDAN AMBASSADOR TO US AND NKUNDABAGENZI REASSIGNED TO "IMPORTANT JOB" AS DIRECTOR GENERAL FMR STUDIES BUREAU IN PLANNING MINISTRY (REF A). DESPITE TRANSFER TO KIGALI, NKUNDABAGENZI WAS CONTACTING AMERICAN PRIVATE FIRMS AS WELL AS USG IN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN JOB IN US. I REPLIED SIMPLY EMBASSY WOULD SEEK INFORMATION ABOUT SITUATION.

2. FOLLOWING DAY I ASKED WELL INFORMED EUROPEAN ADVISOR IN PLANNING MINISTRY WHETHER THERE WERE PLANS FOR CREATION OF STUDIES BUREAU IN HIS MINISTRY. ADVISOR REPLIED IN AFFIRMATIVE SAYING THAT NEW BUREAU'S MAIN JOB WOULD BE TO HANDLE DOSSIERS FOR AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.

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3. ON OTHER SIDE OF COIN, I HAD MENTIONED A FEW DAYS

EARLIER TO PLANNING MINISTRY SECGEN THAT I HAD HEARD
AMBASSADOR NKUNDABAGENZI MIGHT BE JOINING
PLANNING MINISTRY. SECGEN APPEARED SURPRISED BY
REMARK AND ACTED UNINFORMED, BUT DID NOT DENY THIS
POSSIBILITY.

4. COMMENT: WOULD APPEAR FROM EUROPEAN ADVISOR'S
REMARKS (PAR. 2), THAT JOB IN PLANNING OFFICE WHICH
NSEKALIJE SAYS IS SLATED FOR NKUNDABAGENZI WILL BE
CREATED. IF GOR CARRIES THROUGH ON DECLARED
INTENTION TO EMPHASIZE AGRICULTURE (1974 HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY
BAPTIZED AS YEAR OF AGRICULTURE) JOB COULD BE OF
SOME IMPORTANCE. BIG QUESTION, OF COURSE, IF WHETHER
NKUNDABAGENZI WILL INDEED GET JOB.

5. WE WOULD SUGGEST DEPARTMENT INFORM NKUNDABAGENZI
OF PARAS. 1-3. IF HE TRIES TO REMAIN IN US, BELIEVE
BEST POSTURE WOULD BE AS OUTLINED BY AMBASSADOR
SCHAUFLE TO NKUNDABAGENZI (USUN 5540 DECEMBER 11, 1973),
I.E., US WILL NOT ENGAGE IN ANY OFFICIAL ACTIVITY ON
NKUNDABAGENZI'S BEHALF BUT COULD INDICATE INFORMALLY
TO INQUIRERS THAT WE HAD HIGH REGARD FOR HIS CAPABILITIES.
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NOTE BY OC/T: DISSEMINATION COORDINATED WITH S/S -O, MR. NEWLIN
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